

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, in which claims 1-9 were pending. The Office Action allowed claims 1-4 but rejected claims 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed recitation of the use/method, without setting forth any steps involved in the process, results in an improper definition of a process, i.e., results in a claim which is not a proper process claim under 35 U.S.C. 101. Somewhat confusingly, the Office Action also indicated that claim 9 is allowed. Because claim 9 is also a use claim similar to rejected claims 4-8, it is amended accordingly.

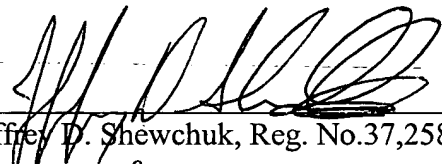
With this amendment, allowed claims 1-4 remain unchanged. Claims 5-9 are amended. With this Amendment, all claims are directed to subject matter that has already been indicated as allowable. The application containing pending claims 1-9 is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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